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Dear Sir:

We are employees of Calhoun City Schools foodservice. We have real concerns with the proposed changes regarding USDA's Business Process re-engineering (BPR). Our school food service was not questioned concerning the proposed changes. We feel that the overall performance of the commodity (food) distribution system is very good. We have offered suggestions on new products and have voiced feelings on other products and were listened to. Corrections were made.

Overall, the State of Georgia has the USDA Commodity Distribution under control.

This proposal appears to be an attempt to address the complaints of a minority of SFAs. Some of the changes are wonderful ideas and could improve the program. Other proposed changes will result in increased food costs at the SFA level, create food safety concerns, jeopardize the use of domestically-produced foods, and appear to circumvent federal regulations and procurement guidelines and support certain private interests.

Prior to making drastic changes to this 63-year old food program whose basis is price support/surplus removal of agricultural products while providing nutritious foods to America's children, a formal program evaluation or legitimate GAO study should have been performed. This is especially true when such changes were proposed without nationwide customer input.

Thank you for your assistance.

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